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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 12-14 are allowed; and claims 1-11 and 15-19 are rejected. Claims 1-11 and 15-19 are canceled hereby.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-6, 15, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. JP02000176344A (Kashiwada et al.), Applicants have amended canceled claims 1, 2, 4-6, 15, 18 and 19.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 7 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious by, Japanese Patent No. JP02000176344A (Kashiwada et al.), Applicants have canceled claims 7 and 17.

Responsive to the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious by Japanese Patent No. JP02000176344A (Kashiwada et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,309,463 (Hess et al.), Applicants have canceled claim 3.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious by Japanese Patent No. JP02000176344A (Kashiwada et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,106,902 (Koskinen et al.), Applicants have canceled claims 8-10.

Responsive to the rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious by Japanese Patent No. JP02000176344A (Kashiwada et al.) in view of U.S. Patent Application No. US 2004/0074440 (Nissinen et al.), Applicants have canceled claim 11.

Responsive to the rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious by Japanese Patent No. JP02000176344A (Kashiwada et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,322,627 (Kusterman), Applicants have canceled claim 16.

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At page 7 of the Office Action claims 12-14 are indicated allowed, for which courtesy the Examiner is thanked. For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 12-14 are in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 897-3400.

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